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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO WORK  
COLLABORATIVELY TO RECOMMEND TO THE STATE A METHODOLOGY TO  
RESPOND TO THE MANDATE FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT NARROWBANDING IN THE STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature acknowledges that the  
federal communications commission promulgated rules in response  
to public safety providers' requests for additional spectrum in  
the bands below five hundred twelve megahertz, referred to as  
"narrowbanding"; and

WHEREAS, narrowbanding is a method of making two radio  
frequencies from one radio frequency; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature acknowledges that the  
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1 federal communications commission rules related to  
2 narrowbanding have the goal of promoting more efficient use of  
3 the very high frequency one hundred fifty to one hundred  
4 seventy-four megahertz and four hundred fifty to five hundred  
5 twelve megahertz radio spectrum used by public safety  
6 providers; and

7 WHEREAS, the narrowbanding rules mandate that states  
8 implement a narrowbanding solution for public safety providers  
9 by 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, the state and local government public safety  
11 entities affected by the narrowbanding mandate do not have the  
12 dollars necessary to implement narrowbanding by the date  
13 dictated;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of information  
16 technology and the homeland security and emergency management  
17 department be requested to collaborate with appropriate local  
18 government entities to organize a strategy to respond to the  
19 federal communications commission mandate, with the department  
20 of information technology taking the lead; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of information  
22 technology and the homeland security and emergency management  
23 department report by December 1, 2010 their progress to the  
24 appropriate legislative committee appointed by the New Mexico  
25 legislative council documenting proposed steps for the state to

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1 respond to the narrowbanding mandate; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the secretaries of information technology and  
4 homeland security and emergency management.

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